



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

J. F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS 02203

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Mr. Paul Nickerson
Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 5-One Gateway Center
Newton, MA 02158

Dear Mr. Nickerson:

The U.S. EPA, Region I, would like to formally solicit Fish and Wildlife's assistance for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Region I has reached a decision making point for remedial action in the Acushnet River Estuary, a subsite and so-called "hot-spot" area in New Bedford. Although dredging the estuary appears to be the most practicable option, Region I has not yet selected an on-site disposal facility. We would like to request Fish and Wildlife's input and expertise in this selection process.

In addition, Region I requests your assistance in determining whether or not there are species which are listed or proposed to be listed which may be present, or have critical habitats, within the community, study area or nearby wetlands (see enclosed map). If any reviews or procedures are applicable under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, please inform Region I.

Fish and Wildlife reviewed EPA's Feasibility Study and submitted comments before the close of our public comment period on January 15, 1985. In this manner, correspondence has been ongoing.

Ken Carr and Gene Crouch, of your Concord staff, have been involved with this project; however, Region I does not have a single point of contact which would expedite coordination. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact myself at (617) 223-5709 or Jackie Prince of my staff at 223-1951.

Sincerely,

John F. Hackler, Chief
MA/CT/VT Site Response Section

Enclosure

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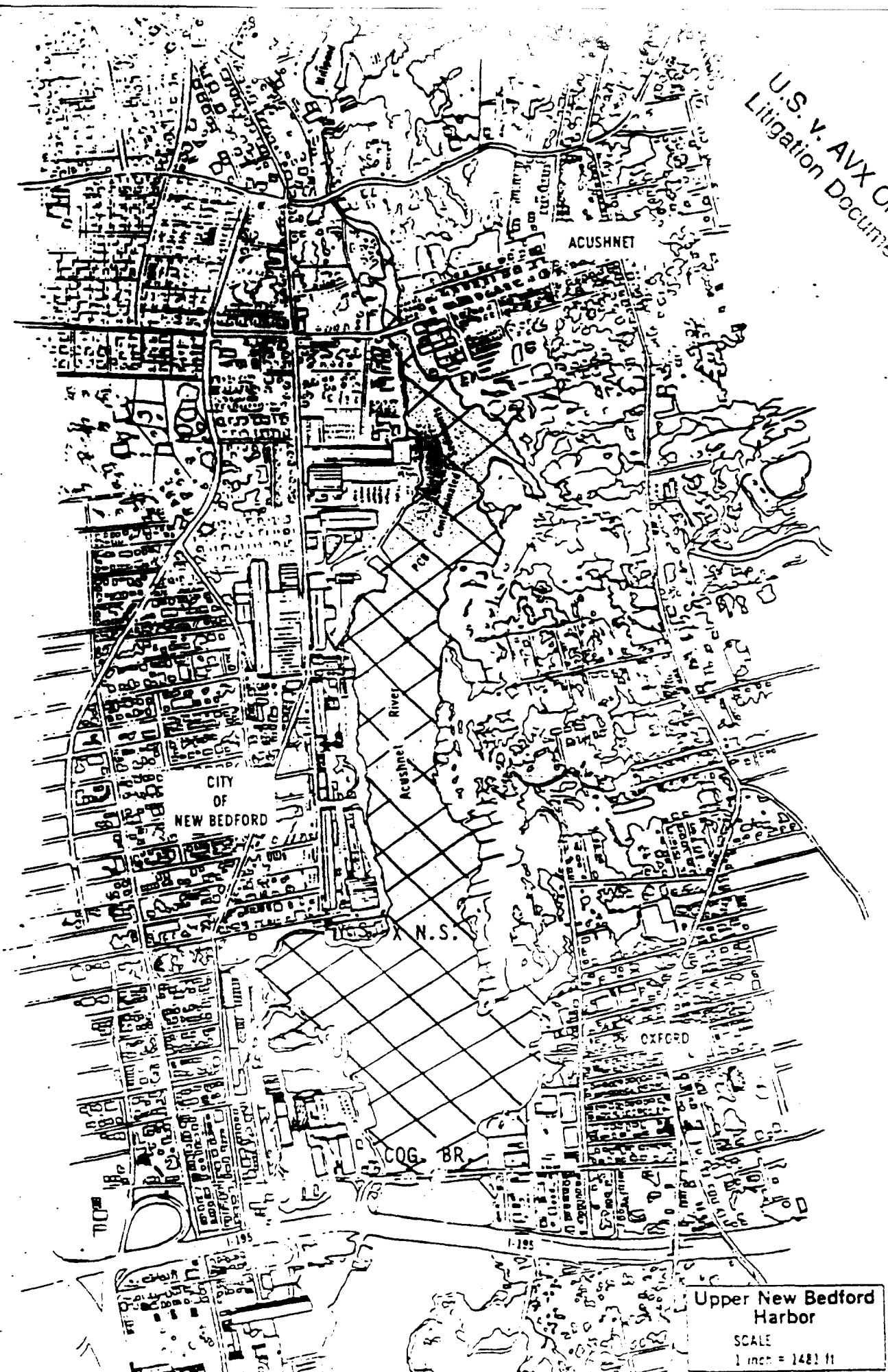


Figure 1. Acushnet River Hot Spot.